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## Bank.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$5,000,000.  
Instalment Reserve on New Shares, 2,074,744.75  
\$7,074,744.75

Reserve Fund, \$2,500,000.  
Instalment Reserve on New Shares, 1,563,361.66  
\$4,063,361.66

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
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HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, April 2, 1884.

## Notices of Firms.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MR. WILLIAM HENRY HARTON, JUNR., in our Firm ceased on the 30th April, 1884.

Mr. GERALD SLADE and Mr. ALEXANDER MC DONALD are this Day Admitted PARTNERS in our Firm.  
GILMAN & Co.  
Hongkong and Fochow,  
1st May, 1884.

## Intimations.

1,450 Prizes. £50,000. 1,450 Prizes.  
THE SYDNEY JOCKEY TURF CLUB'S MELBOURNE CUP CONSULTATION—1884.  
To be run on the Flemington Race Course, Melbourne, in November, 1884.  
Distribution as follows:  
First Prize, £10,000.  
Second Prize, £5,000.  
Third Prize, £2,500.  
Fourth Prize, £1,250.  
Fifth Prize, £625.  
Sixth Prize, £312.  
Seventh Prize, £156.  
Eighth Prize, £78.  
Ninth Prize, £39.  
Tenth Prize, £19.  
Eleventh Prize, £9.  
Twelfth Prize, £4.  
Thirteenth Prize, £2.  
Fourteenth Prize, £1.  
Fifteenth Prize, £0.50.  
Sixteenth Prize, £0.25.  
Seventeenth Prize, £0.12.  
Eighteenth Prize, £0.06.  
Nineteenth Prize, £0.03.  
Twentieth Prize, £0.01.  
Total, £50,000.

THE SYDNEY JOCKEY TURF CLUB.  
Des to inform the Sporting Public of China that they have made arrangements for holding a £50,000 CONSULTATION on the forthcoming MELBOURNE CUP of 1884, when about 1,450 Prizes will be awarded to the Fortunate Holders of the winning Numbers. The Highest Prize being £10,000; and the Lowest £10. Less 15 per cent. for expenses. Winning Numbers can be forwarded for payment or collection to the Manager of any Bank, either in Sydney (N.S. Wales) or Melbourne (Victoria). Drawing will take place under the Committee of Management, about four clear days before the Day of Race. Result Slips are forwarded to all Subscribers. Any Subscriber can be present at the drawing either in person or by proxy, on making application to the Secretary in writing. Add 1/ for Reply and Result. Drafts or P.O. Orders to be made payable to JAMES WALLACE, Secretary, S. J. F. C., 200, Oxford Street, Sydney, Australia.

DRY DOCK AND PATENT SLIP, NAGASAKI.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS for THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT DOCK AND PATENT SLIP, at Nagasaki, and are prepared to supply Tenders for the DOCKING, CLEANING, PAINTING, &c., of Vessels. The SERVICE Vessels in connection with the Dockyard are under the direction of an experienced ENGINEER and possess all the necessary appliances for REPAIRS to SHIPS and MACHINERY. HOLME, RINGER & Co.  
Nagasaki, March, 1884.

## Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

SIGNORA LOUIZA MARGHETTI (late PRIMA DONNA of Signor BERGAMASCHI'S ITALIAN OPERA TRUPE) WILL GIVE A SECOND AND LAST GRAND CONCERT ON

TUESDAY EVENING, the 3rd June, 1884.

Particulars will duly appear in the Programmes.  
Prices of Admission:  
Dress Circle and Stalls, \$2.  
Unreserved Seats, \$1.  
Tickets can be obtained and Seats booked at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH's, and at the Hall on the Night of the Concert.  
Hongkong, May 27, 1884.

## Intimations.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that ORIGINAL SCRP CERTIFICATE No. 63, dated 31st December, 1880, for THREE OLD SHARES in the above Company, standing in Name of Mr. NINIAN CRAWFORD has been LOST, and should the same not be produced before the 10th June NEXT, a NEW SCRP CERTIFICATE will be issued to Mr. NINIAN CRAWFORD for TWELVE NEW SHARES, in accordance with the Special Resolution sub-dividing each one Old Share into Four New Ones, and no Transaction taking place under the said Original SCRP Certificate No. 63 will be recognized by the Company.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, May 26, 1884.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that in Accordance with Resolution No. 2 passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held at the City Hall on the 20th December, 1882, ALL SHARES NOT TAKEN UP, and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th CALLS paid on or before the 30th June NEXT, will be disposed of by the Directors in such manner as in their discretion, they shall think best in the interests of the Corporation.  
By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, April 24, 1884.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.  
2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.  
3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.  
4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.  
5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.  
6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.  
7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Ports by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.  
8.—Interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.  
9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.  
10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Receipts, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked ON HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK BUSINESS, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.  
11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.  
12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, April 25, 1884.

WITH Reference to the above, BUSINESS will be commenced on 1st May, 1884.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, April 26, 1884.

## For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

(OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT.)

A NEW SUPPLY JUST TO HAND OF

SPRING HOSIERY.

UNDERSHIRTS and DRAWERS in SILK, THURFAD, CRAPE and COTTON GAUZE.

New THREAD and COTTON HALF-HOSE.

New WASHING SCARFS and TIES.

The New 'Climax' UMBRELLA, guaranteed to wear well.

NAPIER JOHNSTONE'S SCOTCH WHISKY, a Very Fine Old Spirit, in square bottles.  
Hongkong, April 19, 1884.

SAYLE & Co.

HAVE FOR SALE THE FOLLOWING NEW GOODS, EX LATE ARRIVALS.

KENSINGTON CARPETS, all WOOL, SEAMLESS, BORDERED and FRINGED, in NEW DESIGNS and COLORINGS. These CARPETS are INEXPENSIVE and DURABLE and are suitable for Summer use.

GORELIN TAPESTRY and CREPE CRETONNES in New Designs. REVERSIBLE CRETONNES, Pattern both Sides. EXCELSIOR SPRING MATTRESSES in all Sizes, to fit any BEDSTEAD.

PATENT WOVEN WIRE SPRING MATTRESSES in all Sizes. HAMMOCK CHAIRS, LAWN TENNIS CHAIRS, CROQUET CHAIRS, CAMP STOOLS, &c., &c., &c.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Hongkong, May 7, 1884.

## Intimations.

HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS, WYNDHAM STREET, HONGKONG.

THE Undersigned begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and the Coast Ports that he will RE-OPEN THE HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS on the 1st March.

The whole of the ROOMS have been newly FURNISHED throughout, and there are ROOMS suitable for either MARRIED COUPLES or SINGLE PERSONS.

THE TABLE will be supplied with the BEST of the market can provide. THE WINES and LIQUORS supplied, both at the Bar and Table, will be of the VERY BEST BRANDS.

GENTLEMEN desirous of taking Meals, such as BREAKFASTS and DINNERS, can have ALL REQUISITE information by applying to  
GEORGE STAINFIELD, Proprietor.  
Hongkong, February 26, 1884.

HOP SHING & Co., ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS, COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON FOUNDRIES, &c., WEST POINT IRON WORKS.

HAVING THIS Day commenced BUSINESS, are ready to undertake Work of the above Descriptions under the Supervision of an EXPERIENCED PROPRIETOR. Orders executed with the utmost despatch and at moderate terms.  
24th September, 1882.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

THIS Company now grants passengers THROUGH to LONDON and Marseilles, including Continental Railway fares, at the same rate as for the route by sea to London, viz., \$360.

The fare to Marseilles is now similar to that charged to Brindisi or Venice, viz., \$355.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, March 13, 1884.

D. K. GRIFFITH HAS OPENED HIS NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO, No. 1, Duddell Street, in rear of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

THE NEW RAPID DRY PLATES, he is now working, are TWENTY TIMES quicker than the Old process and make Portraits of Children easy and certain to secure. The Studio is open daily, and Portraits are taken in any weather at Moderate Charges, while every care is taken to procure permanency of the prints.  
NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG AND THE COAST PORTS ALWAYS READY.  
Hongkong, May 24, 1884.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

AN Interim BONUS of 15% upon Contributions for the Year 1883 has This Day been declared.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the above OFFICE on and after the 10th Proximo.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.  
Hongkong, April 26, 1884.

## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 31st May, 1884, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, AN INVOICE OF

CHINESE CURIOS, comprising—

MING, KONG-HEE, KIN-LOONG, YING-CHAU and OTHER, VASES, JARS, PLATES, BOWLS and ORNAMENTS, and MING-LOOK BAMBOO CARVINGS, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, May 28, 1884.

## For Sale.

FOR SALE.

SIX EUROPEAN HOUSES, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, ALEXANDRA TERRACE, Monthly Rent, \$300.  
Apply to 'A. B.,' OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.  
Hongkong, May 28, 1884.

PUBLICATIONS BY J. DYER RALL.

"CANTONESE MADE EASY"—A Book of SIMPLE SENTENCES in the CANTONESE DIALECT with Price and Literal Translations; and Directions for Rendering English Grammatical Forms into Chinese and vice versa.—Price, \$2. Interleaved Copies, \$2.50.  
"We most cordially recommend it."—China Review. "Will be found to supply a want long felt by students of Cantonese."—Daily Press. "Mr. Ball's Notes on Classifiers and Grammar will be found very valuable."—China Mail.

"EASY SENTENCES IN THE HAKKA DIALECT WITH A VOCABULARY."—Price, \$1.  
"The Sentences given appear to be well arranged."—China Mail. "Contains a wide range of subjects."—Chinese Recorder. "An extensive Vocabulary."—Daily Press.

FOR SALE AT MESSRS. KELLY & WALSH'S, 7, BUEWERS' and LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, Hongkong; and at Messrs. TURNER & Co.'s, London.  
Hongkong, January 23, 1884.

NOW ON SALE.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT.  
Dr. E. J. EITEL.  
CHOWN OCTAVO, PP. 1018.  
HONGKONG, 1877-1883.

Part I. A-K. \$2.50  
Part II. K-M. \$2.50  
Part III. M-T. \$3.00  
Part IV. T-Y. \$3.00

A Reduction of ten per cent. will be allowed to purchasers of ten or more copies.

This Standard Work on the Chinese Language, constructed on the basis of Kanghi's Imperial Dictionary, contains all Chinese characters in practical use, and while alphabetically arranged according to the sounds of the oldest dialect of China, the Cantonese, it gives also the Mandarin pronunciation of all characters explained in the book, so that its usefulness is by no means confined to the Cantonese Dialect, but the work is a practically complete Treasury of the whole Written Language of China, ancient and modern, as used all over the Empire, whilst its introductory chapters serve the purposes of a philological guide to the student.

A Supplement, arranged for being bound and used by itself, and containing a List of the Radical, or Index, and a List of Surnames, will be published and sold separately.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, January 15, 1883.

## FOR SALE CHEAP.

FIVE Hundred to Six Hundred Tons COKE and COAL TAR, in lots to suit, from one ton upwards.

CHOY CHEW, 230, Praya West.  
Hongkong, June 18, 1883.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Quarts, \$20 per 1 doz. Case. Pints, \$21 per 2 doz. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
Hongkong, December 20, 1883.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship Saghalien, Commandant HOMBERY, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

I. MARTIN, Acting Agent.  
Hongkong, May 23, 1884.

NOTICE.

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PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship Volga, Commandant DU TEMPL, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

I. MARTIN, Acting Agent.  
Hongkong, May 23, 1884.

FOR LOMO and SANDAKAN.

The Co.'s Steamship Anzania, Captain HANNA, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, 16th June, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, May 26, 1884.

## Shipping.

Steamers.

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR BATAVIA, SAMARANG, AND SOERABAYA, VIA SAIGON AND SINGAPORE.

The Co.'s Steamship Gouverneur General Jacob, Capt. BENSING, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 30th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, May 28, 1884.

STEAM TO BOMBAY VIA STRAITS.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship Kachar, will leave for the above place on SATURDAY, 31st May, at 3 p.m.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.  
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, May 26, 1884.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEKOO, NEW CHWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship Anchies, Capt. JACKSON, will be despatched as above on or about the 31st Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, May 27, 1884.

UNION LINE.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

The Steamship Principia, Captain KERRICH, due on or about the 1st June, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, May 26, 1884.

UNION LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship Ogdardire, Captain JONES, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, 2nd June.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, May 21, 1884.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship Prince, Captain BUX, will be despatched as above on or about the 2nd June.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, May 21, 1884.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEKOO, TIENTSIN, NEW CHWANG, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Steamship Glenarthy, Capt. SOMMER, will be despatched as above on or about the 4th June.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, May 28, 1884.

FOR SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALEDONIA, TASMANIA and FIJI.)

The Eastern and Australian Steamship Co.'s chartered Steamer Light, Captain MANN, will be despatched as above on or about WEDNESDAY, the 11th June. Parcels (all of which must be sent to our Office) will be received up to 4 p.m. of the day previous.

Contents and value of the Packages must be declared.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, May 16, 1884.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship Saghalien, Commandant HOMBERY, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

I. MARTIN, Acting Agent.  
Hongkong, May 23, 1884.

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Hongkong, May 23, 1884.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, May 26, 1884.

## Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The British Barque Marha, McParsons, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, May 6, 1884.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 3/3 L.I.L. German Ship Anna, Schuler, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, May 5, 1884.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 3/3 L.I.L. British Ship Frank Corral, Chapman, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, May 6, 1884.

## Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE S.S. SAN PABLO will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on FRIDAY, the 30th Instant, at 3 p.m. To be followed by the S.S. ARABIC, on the 9th June.

Connection being made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan ports.

Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

RETURN PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who have paid







Two men Cheung Apong and Ip Aing, who have been before the Police Court since the 21st ultimo on a charge of murdering Chin Acheong, a barber, at Yau-ma-tei, on the 10th ultimo, were this morning committed for trial at the Supreme Court. No further evidence was produced and both prisoners reserved their defence.

A shooting match is arranged to take place at Kowloon next Saturday afternoon between a team of eight members of the Police Force and eight Sergeants of the Royal Artillery. The weapon to be used in the match is the Martini-Henry carbine and the ranges are to be 200, 300 and 500 yards, 7 shots at each range, any position. The members of the Police team selected are as follows:—Inspectors Thomson and Quincey, Sergeants Bullin, Robertson, Mann, Kemp and Mackay and Constable Cameron.

At an inquest held this morning on the body of a woman named Man A In, who was killed by a fall of earth while working on the hillside above Bonham Road, on the 28th instant, a verdict of accidental death was returned. Several cases of death from injuries received by men and women from this cause have occurred within the last twelve months, and it is certainly true that something was done by the Government to put a stop to the frequent accidents that occur through removal of earth and quarrying stone by the appointment of a qualified person to superintend these operations.

Two old people nearly killed themselves in Chicago recently through an extraordinary ignorance of the methods of civilization. They were visiting Chicago, having come from a country village, where they had apparently passed their lives, for on referring to bed in one of the big Chicago hotels they blew out the gas. The result was that the room soon became filled with gas, and the old couple were rendered insensible. It was doubtful if they would recover. The Chicago papers give a circumstantial account of the affair.

The land of Egyptian refugees, who have been for the last few days wandering about the Colony, were this morning brought up before Mr. Wise on a charge of having no visible means of subsistence. One of the men, who spoke Spanish, stated that they had been deceived and sent here on their way to Australia. The case was adjourned until to-morrow, the defendants being allowed out, and they will probably, until it is decided what is to be done with them, be sent to a boarding house. The men describe themselves as Arabs, but, judging by their names, there would appear to be a considerable amalgamation of nationality among them; what is, in fact, known as the Egyptian mixture.

This morning, we learned from the British Consul at Macao (Mr. Mortimer Murray) that the whereabouts of the late Mrs. Wood's boy, suspected of having been involved in her murder, has now been ascertained. He is on the mainland; but there is likely to be some trouble experienced in getting hold of him. Communications are now passing between Canton and Macao regarding the matter.

We fancy that his rendition, if applied for at all, will have to be applied for by the Portuguese authorities, the offence having been committed in a Portuguese Colony. But a serious difficulty in obtaining any recognition of such a claim arises from the fact that no treaty exists between China and Portugal. What will be done under the circumstances we are not in a position to say.

The mother of the boy and several coodles are still under arrest.

Intelligence has reached here that the Indo-China steamer *Poony* has gone ashore on the Fisherman's Group. Early this morning, it was reported that the *Poony* had come to grief; and this rumour, reaching the ears of the General Agents (Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.), a telegram was sent off to Shanghai asking for information. The following reply was wired back:—*Poony* is on shore on Fisherman's Group. Passengers and specie saved. Assistance has been sent from Shanghai. The safety of the steamer is uncertain. The Fisherman's Group is a number of islands in the Chinese Archipelago, and is situated almost abreast of Ningbo. It is about twelve hours' steam from Shanghai. When the *Poony* left here on the 22nd instant, she had on board one first class passenger (Miss Mitchell), one steamer (Mr. Aquino) and about 10 Chinese passengers for Shanghai. She had also \$22,000 in specie on board, and among her cargo was a small quantity of opium, hardly worth mentioning. On her way North she called at at Szentow.

The *Poony* was commanded by Captain T. M. Irvine, and officered as follows:—

Chief officer.....Mr. B. Allison  
Second officer.....Mr. A. J. Mitchell  
Chief engineer.....Mr. Robert Craig  
Second engineer.....Mr. J. Roberts  
Third engineer.....Mr. Fraser

The *Poony* was launched in 1892, and has, therefore, been running less than two years. She was built at Glasgow by the London and Glasgow Shipbuilding Company, and is the smallest steamer but one in the Company's employ. She is a two-decked vessel of 383 tons net, and 1361 gross. Her engines are of 200 horse power. She is 220 feet in length, 35 feet in breadth

and 22 feet in depth. She is fitted with four iron bulkheads.

Chinese. Gordon's apparently impudent message to the British Government, stating that henceforth he would act on his own judgment and responsibility, is explained by the following telegram in an American paper:—

London, April 20.—General Gordon has notified the British Government that owing to the difficulty and delay experienced in sending and receiving communications, he will henceforth act on his own judgment and responsibility.

Returns which have been presented to the Canadian Parliament disclose a very satisfactory condition of commerce and finances in the Dominion under the protective policy of the present Government. Within five years the public debt has increased by 27,000,000 dollars to 202,150,104 dollars. Since the year 1878 the revenue has increased by 27,000,000 dollars to 62,286,553 dollars; but the expenditure has increased by 34,000,000 dollars to 86,846,453 dollars. The average balance of trade, which was 15 per cent. in 1878, was 25 per cent. in 1883.

A JAPANESE native paper says:—A Chinese wine-bibber of a whimsical turn once ordered his body to be buried in some convenient wine-cellar, so that his departed ghost could forever dwell in the fumes of the beloved liquor. A similar instance has occurred in Miyagi Prefecture. A well-to-do farmer of that place, who still sipped at the sake-cup till death forced him to sign the pledge, requested his family to bury him in a large tub of sake, instead of planting him in a coffin. This last request was readily complied with by his sorrowing relatives.—*Choya Shinbun*.

LONDON, April 23.—Sir Edward Walker, M. P., offers £1,000 toward the rescue of G. P. Gordon. He asks the London papers to open a fund for this purpose, where, he says, £20,000 would be collected in a few hours.

London, April 22.—The body of an American lady was cremated at Gitchin Sunday. This makes 162 cremations since the crematory was established.

London, April 22.—Belmont Castle, near Dunbar, was burned last night. Many valuable paintings were destroyed.

ABOUT the time the Greely Relief Expedition starts for the Arctic, the corvette *Lylla* will be sent out by the Danish Government to take soundings on the West coast of Greenland and make observations during the open season, for which purpose she has a corps of scientific men aboard. She will remain in Davis Strait all summer, until driven out by the ice. Commander Norrman, who is one of the most experienced Arctic explorers in the Danish navy, writes to a friend in this city that he anticipates with pleasure the opportunity to give a helping hand to the Greely Expedition. The *Lylla* has eight guns and a crew of eighty sailors.

The perils of travelling in the interior of Australia are illustrated by the following extract from the *Adelaide Advertiser*.—On March 8, Mr. C. Todd, C.M.G. (Postmaster-General), received the following particulars from the Peak station of a late fatality which occurred on the overland telegraph line.—Just before reaching a party of 120 miles north, who report, 'Iscovering a dead man under the line, who had evidently, in despair, cut the wire to bring assistance. Cannot recognize the man, as his face is all eaten away. His horse is lying dead alongside the body. There is a water-melon near the body. The party who found the man, who is a native of the party, who immediately the line is repaired for Macamba for water. Communication on the line was restored at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday.

Certain considerations lead to the belief that when the Panama Canal is finished it will be used by England more than by any other country. Most of the wheat crop of California is now carried around the Horn in English ships, and when it no longer follows that track, English ships will transport it through the Canal. It is well known that England has a large trade on the West coast of South America. From Valparaiso to Liverpool, via the Horn, is 10,000 miles; while it is only 7,500 miles by the Canal. It is also certain that much of England's trade with her Australian colonies will go by way of the Panama Canal, as from Auckland to Liverpool that route would be a saving of more than a thousand miles compared with the Suez route.—*Weekly Atlas*.

BREITENBURG, April 21.—The French steamer *Martinez*, from New Orleans, bound for Bordeaux, was discovered to be on fire three days after leaving New Orleans. A terrible gale was prevailing at the time. The hatches were opened and fifty bales of cotton jetted out, but the fire was so intensely hot that the crew and passengers, though working with the energy of men anxious to save their lives, had to abandon operations. The fire, however, before several cases of dysentery occurred. The hatches were then battened down, and it was decided to sail for Bermuda, 250 miles distant. On arriving there, with the assistance of the naval authorities, the fire was finally extinguished. Had the deck of the vessel been entirely of wood nothing could have saved the ship.

New York, April 14th.—A. S. Hatch, President of the Stock Exchange, delivered an address yesterday on the improvement in the social and moral condition of the Chinese and Japanese by the introduction of Christianity. The speaker said that in no country in the world does so large a percentage of children attend school as in Japan and China, more especially in Japan. To-day in that country they have several colleges and 250 schools. They have some 8,000 youths in their normal schools. They have a postal system like our own, by which were transported last year about 60,000,000 letters, papers and packages. Among the chief evidences of advancement among the Celestials growing out of the spread of Christianity, Hatch cited the abolition of opium and the doctrine of Hari Kari. The law of the country insists that a man dying by his own hand is to be held as a criminal in the public opinion to be treated as such. Another evidence is the late establishment of the Christian Sabbath as a day of rest. Fifteen years ago there were not more than ten or fifteen Christian natives in China. To-day they are numbered by the thousands. Moreover they are the most progressive students in ethics and moral philosophy on the face of the globe.

The English composition as well as the ways of the Celestial are truly peculiar. According to a San Francisco contemporary the following communication was received by the *China Mail* Company at San Francisco from a Chinese firm established there:—

San Francisco, April 13, 1884.  
Gentlemen.—Gentlemen, Sir, Please call at Dupont St. for your workman changing the pipe which the pipe running through the Wall of the Basement and from that the workman had made the Hole too large So the water came through from the street which had been damaged the Goods and I wish you would Send Some Body up and See what and Oblige yours Respectfully.

PHILADELPHIA, April 20th.—Five thousand laborers have died in three months on the Panama Canal. This is the report of Captain Witham, who returned to this city yesterday from the canal, where he had been supervising the work of a dredge for a year past. 'Money is plentiful,' he says. 'There is only one thing more common than death, and that is death. Men die like leaves in autumn. Only the Indians appear to live. The dead are disposed of without ceremony—a shallow grave, no prayers—and all is in a moment forgotten. There are now 15,000 laborers at work on the canal, mostly negroes from America and the French West Indies. These negroes are brought over in droves as fast as those at work die, and I venture to say that not two-thirds of the 15,000 laborers now at work will be alive a year from now. Five thousand died during the past three months, but a large part of them were killed by the cholera, which is now spreading all over the canal. 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case may be, but such papers or packets of  
papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two  
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a packet containing any partially written  
paper, it will not be charged less than 5  
cents.

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8 ounces, and must not exceed these  
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Patterns, 2; *Post Cards*, 5; *Comm. Papers*, 2.  
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## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

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To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at the Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore B., and those in the body of the shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

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